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Thanks

... to those who supported the school this term in any way whatsoever, your support has been much appreciated.

... to our Japanese visitors for time spent working with year 5 and 6 children these past weeks. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

People of the week

... those seniors (and their parents) who have put their hands up to represent our school at forthcoming ANZAC celebrations.

... Hanna S who achieved two personal bests at a recent Rising Stars swimming tournament. Well done Hanna!

... and Caitlin and Alex H who also achieved personal bests.

... Celeste, Daniela and Jade (Room 7) for some amazing descriptive writing this week.

Term calendar

2 April Final day of term

20 April First day of term 2

Poppies

Will be on sale at school week beginning 20 April (first day of term 2)

School Contributions

If you have not paid your term 1 contribution (or maths whizz or spelling subscription) please get this to school next week or contact Helen to make alternative arrangements for payment. Thank you.

Accidents at school

Accident Reports are completed at school in certain situations. If, after pick up, your child received further medical attention, can you please advise the school office so that we can update our information. This helps us to track frequency, location and seriousness of injuries sustained in and around the school. Thank you.

Offers invited ... Pipe Shade Cover Framing by Rooms 6 and 8

Some of you will know that we will soon undertake some remodelling of rooms 6 through 8. Part of this will involve extensive work on the current deck area, including removal of the pipe framing which once held the shade cloth. As this needs to be removed soon, the board would like to invite any interested parties to submit offers (including disassembly and removal) by the end of next week or later by arrangement. We are confident that this piping will be useful to someone.

Learning Support Placements - Mrs Comrie

This is to advise parents, who have students working with Mrs Comrie this term, that placements will rollover for part of next term. New placements will take effect midway through term 2.

Learning support placements - Mrs Walker's programme

Staff are currently evaluating the progress of children in Mrs Walker's programmes. Most children will continue into next term, if your child will be discontinued you will be advised of this next week.

Mrs Walker is happy to meet with you by appointment to discuss your child's progress.

Cellphones

Please remind children that cellphones must be dropped to the school office on arrival at school, and picked up prior to departure at the end of the day. We are happy to pass important messages to your children via the school office.

Library Books

Please ensure all overdue books are returned by the end of term. We are happy to lend books out for the holidays.

Wacky Hair / Pyjama Day

... will be held Wednesday 1 April. Parade at morning tea. Gold coin donation for School Council fund-raising.

School Duathlon (Year 4 to 8)

Reminders will be sent on Tuesday to those involved. This event will be held lunch time on Wednesday. Any questions to Mr Schuster please.

Income and Expenditure Statement - Senior Camp

Expenditure		Income	
Motu Moana Scout Camp - Accommodation	\$1,980	Fees 47 students	\$10,810
Sensory Maze	\$551.00	Income from Parents for Bridge Climb/Sky Walk	\$685
Food (plus approx \$800 in donated food)	\$1,343.88	Raffle money contributed above individuals fees	\$915
Maritime Museum	\$230		
Breakers Game	\$983		
Kelly Tarltons	\$2,132		
Sky Tower	\$721		
Bridge Climb	\$3,630		
Westwave	\$138		
The Range	\$660		
Staff Expenses	\$967		
Tim Bray Productions	\$288		
Total Expenditure	\$13,623	Total Income	\$12,410
		Outstanding Fees as at 10/03/15	-\$1,602.00
		Outstanding Bridge Climb/Sky Walk as at 11/03/15	-\$600
		Total Fees Outstanding	-\$2,202.00

Outstanding Senior Camp Fees / Parent bridge climb fee

As indicated above, quite a few camp fees are still outstanding. If you have not yet paid camp fees, please forward these to school next week, or phone Kevin or Brenda to request an extended period for payment.

Over the holidays

.. please encourage children to spend some time reading during the holidays and working on Maths Whizz if year 4 to 8.

Scholastic Issue 2 - Orders are now closed.

Lost Property

Please drop by sometime next week to have a look at our lost property mountain (between rooms 10 and 11). Clothes, footwear and towels left on Thursday will be donated to charities.

Measles

We have been advised of outbreaks of measles in nearby schools. The illness begins with fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis (inflammation in the eyes), which lasts for 2-4 days. It may be possible to see small white spots (Koplik spots) inside the mouth. A rash appears 2-4 days after the first symptoms, beginning at the hairline and gradually spreading down the body to the arms and legs. The rash lasts for up to one week. It usually takes 10-12 days from exposure to the first symptom. Immunisation given on time is the best way to prevent measles. Two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine is 99% effective in preventing measles. MMR vaccine, if given within 72 hours of exposure to measles virus, may provide protection to the unimmunised and thus limit the spread of measles.

In the event of a measles outbreak unimmunised children (with no history of prior measles infection) who have contact with infected cases are advised NOT to attend school or early childhood services until notified.

If you think you or anyone in your family may be experiencing these symptoms please call your doctor or ring Healthline 0800 611 116.

ANZAC Cross laying ceremony tomorrow

Just a reminder that the first part of the ANZAC Day Commemorations takes place tomorrow at Laurie Hall Park with the Cross Laying Ceremony. All students taking part in this need to be at the park no later than 8.30am (Mrs Sinclair will be in attendance from 8.15am). The ceremony will be completed by 10am. If you are not staying for the ceremony, please collect your child/children from the staff members in attendance at 10am. We will not let the children leave without an accompanying adult. Mrs Sinclair can be contacted on 021 113 0593 if you are running a little late for collection.

ANZAC Day Dawn Parade - (April 25th)

Whilst this is a completely optional event, members of our school council and senior students will be involved in the 2015 Dawn Parade. Mrs Sinclair (and maybe Mr D) will be meeting in Alexander Street (opposite the RSA) at 5.30am. Parents and students are more than welcome to join us for this special morning. We request that students wear their Matarau School T-Shirt (if they have one).

Netball Permission Slips

Please return your Netball Permission Slips ASAP. We have not yet reached our required numbers to register an intermediate team. If you are interested in playing Yr 7 & Yr 8 netball, please collect a permission slip from the office.

Religious Instruction Classes

.. commences early next term. These classes will operate 9:00 to 9:30 on Monday mornings. If your child was included last year (or you "opted in" at enrolment), we will assume your consent to include again this year. If not included last year, we will assume non-inclusion again this year. If you would like to change last year's arrangements please advise our school office next week and we will update our records. We also understand that there may be changes within the first 2 weeks of the programme getting up and operating and this is fine (as long as arrangements are firmed up by week beginning of week 4 of term 2). Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you have questions about this programme. The curriculum is ecumenical, mainstream and heavily aligned to the National Health Curriculum. The time taken for religious instruction is made up in increments across the week to ensure regular learning time is minimally impacted. Non-attending children will be allocated work for this time and will be supervised and supported by a staff member. You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is, quite rightly, absolutely your call!

Pool Closure

Please note that the school pool will not be available for public use after Easter. Thank you to those who hired keys. You should feel free to return keys next week or in week 1 of term 2.

Finally

Please note that this is the final newsletter of term 1. Thank you again for your support this term. If travelling, travel safely. See you next term!

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Table Tennis – NZ Veterans Open Championships Table Tennis, 2-6th at Kensington Stadium. Test Match Thurs 7pm OZ/NZ. Free Entry.

Free Holiday Programme - One Week holiday programme - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 1.00pm. Choose from - Week 1 April 7 - 10th or Week 2 April 13 - 17th, Whangarei Intermediate School Hall, Children Aged 8 to 14 years old. Activities: Sports, , Arts and Crafts, Hip Hop Dancing, Whangarei Aquatic Centre. Everything FREE. To register call 09-4596909 and leave your details on the answer phone; name, phone number and week you wish your child/ren to attend, or email info@hardcoredance.co.nz We will get back to you to confirm your registration. Register now...limited spaces.

All Blacks Camp For Kids - A Fundamental skills programme for children aged between 5-12yrs. Caters to all abilities - Wide range of fun physical activities, whilst also promoting good sporting behaviour. Three targeted age groups: Beginning 5-6 yrs, Yrs 1 & 2, Learning 7-9 yrs, Yrs 5-7 and Playing 10-12 yrs old, Yrs 6-8. Date: 9th April 2015 Marist Clubrooms, Whangarei 9:30am – 12.30pm Date: 16th April 2015. Limited to 10 per age group, book early to secure your spot \$40.00 - Includes medal, certificate & holiday booklet Extra \$15.00 for an All Blacks Kids Tee Shirt or Ball Contact: Paul Hope mob : 021 951-925 – hm: 09 436-3045 E-Mail paul@kidsinaction.co.nz

ASB Holiday Fun Football for children aged 6-11, Tikipunga Sports Park, 2nd week of school holidays Monday to Friday 13th to 17th April, 13th to 17th July, 5th to 9th October 9.30am to 12.30pm, \$24 per session or \$96 for the week. BYO boots, shin pads, full water bottle, morning tea, rain jacket and warm clothes. Kensington Stadium Terms 2, 3 and 4 Term 2 - Tuesday 21st April to 23rd June (no session 2nd June) Term 3 - Tuesday 21st July to 15th Sept (no sessions 28/7 and 4/8) Term 4 - Tuesday 13 October to 8th Dec (no session 17th Nov) Tuesdays 3.40pm for 4-6 year olds (40 mins) 4.30pm for 7-8 year olds (50 mins) \$48 for the 8 week block Term 3 - \$42 only 7 sessions Shoes suitable for indoor use. Full water bottle.

Small Sticks Development Holiday Programme - Yr 3 – Yr 6, Mon 13th Apr – Wed 15th Apr 9am – 12noon daily, \$15.00 per child per day. Goalkeeper coaching on Mon & Tue (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of FUN. Registrations – www.surveymonkey.com/r/APRILREGO. Yr 7 & Yr 8 - Thur 16th April & Fri 17th April, 8.30am – 2pm daily, \$40.00 per child (for both days) – players may attend 1 day please email us!

Goalkeeper coaching on both days (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of FUN. Registrations – www.surveymonkey.com/r/APRILREGO. For more information please email – brad@northlandhockey.org.nz

Hurupaki Educare - April School Holiday Programme 2015 - We are opening on Tuesday 7th April to Friday 17th April, 8.00am to 5.30pm, based in the Hurupaki School Hall, Dip Road, Kamo. Activities include a trip to MYbounce - trampolines, movies, WAGs, wheels day, trip to Hurupaki along with other action packed days. The programme is OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance – conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. To view and download forms go to www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contract Christin on 0274-821331 or info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz for more information.

Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey Hockey -

Interested in playing hockey? Have a few laughs while you run around hitting the ball sound fun to you. If the answer is Yes, ring us. The Hikurangi Div 2 womans hockey team need players this year. Phone Megan McBride 027 787 1086 or Sue Mehrtens 021 834570.

Kamo Junior Rugby is looking forward to the 2015 season and is looking for all existing & any new players to register online, Sportsground.co.nz/ kamorsc/Kamo Rugby & Squash Club/2015 NZRU Registration Form – then fill in this registration form or at the club day on Saturday 7th March. You will be contacted by your coach on the week of the 23rd of March. The first game is 2nd of May with the final game on the 29th August (16 games). For more info please txt Murray Mortimer on 029 7525970